

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claim as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A disposable sanitary sheath for a shopping cart handle comprising:

a sheet wrappable about said handle;

said sheet having a length and width so as to cover at least the portion of said handle coming into contact with a user's hands;

an adhesive strip positioned about one side of a surface of said sheet for securing said sheet about said handle;

a perforated pull-away strip disposed along the length of said sheet; and

a pull tab accommodated on said pull-away strip.

2. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein said sheet is made of polyethylene.

3. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein said sheet is made of rubber.

4. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein said sheet is made of polypropylene.

5. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein said sheet is made of vinyl.

6. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein said sheet is made of mylar.

7. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein said sheet is made of Teflon.

8. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein said sheet is made of polycarbonate.

9. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein said sheet is made of Kynar.

10. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein said sheet is made of Uvex.

11. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein said sheet is made of Butyrate.

12. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein said sheet is made of F.E.P. (tetrafluorethylenepolypropylene).

13. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein said sheet is made of polyester.

14. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein said sheet is made of paper.

15. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein said sheet is made of a plurality of sheets.

16. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein two or more sheaths are be used in conjunction to cover one or more portions of said handle.

17. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 1 wherein a sanitizing compound is applied to the sheath.

18. (Currently Amended) A sanitary sheath of claim 17 wherein the sanitizing compound is an antibacterial agent.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 have been amended to correct informal typographical errors and remain herein for consideration. The Specification, Abstract and Claims have also been amended to correct informal typographical errors.

No new matter has been entered.

Objections to Abstract and Specification

The abstract of the disclosure has been objected to because of the use of legal terms such as "said" and the specification has been objected to for using recited phrases that are unclear, awkwardly worded, and/or grammatically incorrect. Brackets which were added/inserted by the previous version of the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS) that was used to file this application have also been removed. It is believed that the presently amended abstract and specification correct these informalities.

Additionally, the examiner has also stated that the specification does not make clear where the adhesive is applied to sheet 14, or where the ends of sheet 14 are joined. One skilled in the art could clearly understand that two ends of sheet 14 could be joined at the bottom of the sheet or at any other suitable location, and one skilled in the art would also understand how the joining of the sheet ends would be accomplished. FIG. 6 illustrates an embodiment using adhesive applied at the bottom of the sheet 14.

Objections to Drawings

The drawings have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The examiner has stated that the adhesive strip, the perforated pull away strip and the plurality of sheets must be shown or the features cancelled from the claim. The perforated pull strip has been illustrated in FIG. and FIG. 6 and identified with reference numeral 18. The adhesive strip has been described in various embodiments so that it can be clearly understood by a person skilled in the art. One skilled in the art could also clearly understand that a plurality of sheets could be combined in various configurations to form a sheet 14 as recited in claim 15. Similarly, one skilled in the art could clearly understand that two or more sheets could be combined to form a sheet 14 as recited in claim 16.

Objections to Claims

The claims have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.121 and for typographical errors. All claims are now amended to correct typographical errors.

For the above reasons, claims 1-18 are now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes an extension fee is due but examiner has set delineated two different shortened statutory periods. The Office Action Summary indicates that a shortened statutory period is set to expire three months from the mailing date, May 23, 2005, and two months from the mailing date in Paragraph 9 of Examiner's Office Action. A petition for extension of time under C.F.R. 1.137(a) is submitted along with the appropriate fee. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-3526. No additional fees are due.

Respectfully submitted,

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